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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/17/01	03/10/01
BRO-FRY	154,761	154,165
LT HENS	1,811	2,007
HVY HENS	1,406	1,350

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEKS ENDING 10-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	571	4	575
LAST WEEK	640	4	644
SAME WK YR AGO	427	0	427
TO DATE 2001	5,397	56	5,453
TO DATE 2000	5,408	27	5,435

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,581	1,274	3,855
LAST WEEK	2,550	1,265	3,815
SAME WK YR AGO	2,536	1,513	4,049
TO DATE 2001	23,884	12,708	36,592
TO DATE 2000	25,772	13,551	39,323

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 10-MAR-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,138 (A)	2,010	1,270	3,280
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.81	5.19
LAST WEEK	147,804	1,910	1,261	3,171
SAME WEEK YR AGO	155,100	2,109	1,513	3,622
AVG WT	4.89	3.38	7.77	5.22
TO-DATE/2001	1,491,334	18,487	12,652	31,139
TO-DATE/2000	1,538,534	20,364	13,524	33,888

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154 million head or 2.7 million head less than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MARCH 03, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	24,475	27,752	36,042
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.75	6.05
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	31%	41%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	34,249	24,947	42,405
AVG WEIGHT	3.80	4.72	6.07
% OF TOTAL /1	34%	25%	42%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	36,065	36,754	34,944
AVG WEIGHT	3.84	4.86	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	34%	32%
TO DATE/2001	297,172	233,895	393,638
TO DATE/2000	306,592	267,674	362,213

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 10-MAR-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,016	2,690	41	17	4,764
AVG WT	16.54	34.04	24.77	23.09	26.54
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,969	2,619	57	28	4,673
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,408 (C)		20	33	4,461
AVG WT	27.16 (C)		25.85	28.00	27.16
TO-DATE/2001	45,388 (C)		365	159	45,912
TO-DATE/2000	44,511 (C)		61	355	44,927

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 39,000.

(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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